

52 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—78)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4920.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, June 4.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,121 routine military nominations in the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army Reserve.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review which relates to the shape, makeup, characterization, and the implementation of American armed forces for the next several years, focusing on its impact on the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen.

Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain management and program areas in need of reform to improve efficiency and effectiveness at the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. DeCarli, Associate Deputy Inspector General, and Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation; and John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 417, authorizing funds for energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes funds for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through fiscal year 2000, and United States' participation in the International Energy Agency through fiscal year 2002);

S. 210, to make technical and other changes to the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and to return excess Federal land to the people of Guam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; and

S. Res. 57, to support the work of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and all the Federal, State, and local entities and other interested groups that are preparing bicentennial activities to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition during the years 2004 through 2006.

HISTORIC SITES/MEMORIALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. Res. 57, to support the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, S. 231, to establish

the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in New Mexico to further the study of the physical, geological, and biological aspects of caves, S. 312, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Larue County, Kentucky, S. 423, to grant a three-year extension to the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason in the District of Columbia, S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Georgia, and S. 731, to grant a five-year extension for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director for Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator D'Amato and Representative Levin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the applicability of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) as a model for reform of the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Senators Gregg and Wyden; Stuart M. Butler, Heritage Foundation, Robert D. Reischauer, Brookings Institution, and Edwin C. Hustead, Hay Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth E. Thorpe, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; Richard V. Anderson, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California; and Peter Wyckoff, Minnesota Senior Federation-Metropolitan Region, St. Paul, on behalf of the National Council on the Aging and the National Coalition of Consumer Organizations on Aging.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHILD WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on child welfare reform proposals, including S. 511, to require that the health and safety of a child be considered in any foster care of adoption placement, to eliminate barriers to the termination of parental rights in appropriate cases, and to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and S. 742 and H.R. 867, bills

to promote the adoption of children in foster care, receiving testimony from Senator DeWine; Representatives Kennelly and Camp; Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Charleston; Susan Badeau, National Adoption Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Voice for Adoption; Sister Rose Logan, Astor Home for Children, Rhinebeck, New York, on behalf of Catholic Charities USA; and Gary J. Stangler, Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Public Welfare Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of United States enforcement of laws and regulations prohibiting the importation of prison-made products manufactured in the People's Republic of China, after receiving testimony from James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Food and Allied Service Trades Department (AFL-CIO), and Maranda Yen Shieh, Greater Washington Network for Democracy in China and Friends of Hong Kong and Macao Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, Milpitas, California; Peter B. Levy, Labelon/Noesting Company, Mt. Vernon, New York; and Fu Shenqi, New York, New York.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings to review Federal services and benefits designed to assist Native American veterans, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Espiridion Borrego, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Arcenio Smiley, Church Rock, New Mexico, on behalf of the Navajo Code Talkers Association; Apesanahkwat, Menominee Indian Nation, Keshena, Wisconsin; Anthony R. Pico, Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indian Reservation, Alpine, California; Samuel N. Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho; Kali Watson, Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Honolulu; and Ernie Stevens, Jr., National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.